

March 20, 1969

Mr. William C. Ward  
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Dear Mr. Ward:

Representatives of the State Board of Health have inspected the New Castle County Landfill at Tybucus Corner on numerous occasions since its opening in January, 1969. In general, the operation has been excellent. Your equipment operators and yourself are to be commended for your efforts.

As you undoubtedly know, however, there are two areas in which serious problems have occurred. These include: (1) blowing refuse; and (2) bad weather operations.

The blowing paper problem has been of such magnitude as to overshadow your excellent compaction and cover operations. We have seen the development of the portable fencing during the past weeks and estimate that considerable progress has been made in controlling this problem. Yet, a significant amount of refuse has blown around the landfill property and off the landfill. The portable fencing must be of such height and design as to control blowing paper to within the daily working area.

Any refuse which blows over or around the portable fencing must be cleaned-up - on each working day. This requirement was clearly established by the State Solid Waste Disposal Code, Section 39.42 (Lines 12 - 15) and by your contract with the County (Page 7, Section 11). With these facts in mind we direct your attention to this portion of your operation of the County Landfill which has not been adequately carried out.

Section 39.42 (a) 2 of the State Solid Waste Disposal Code and Section 13 c (Page 9) of your contract with the County clearly established that all weather roads were to be established. They have not yet been established and, as such, inclement weather has altered operations significantly for relatively short periods of time - such that proper compaction and cover operations have been retarded. The lack of suitable all weather roadways has also limited access to the site and placed extra costs on the collection end of the New Castle County Solid Waste System. Collection of refuse, I might add, is the most costly portion of any solid waste system, and every effort should be made to economize on collection time required.

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Thank you for your consideration. I would like to repeat my statement that, in general, the operation of the fill has been excellent. It is a shame, as well as a "vary to State Regulations, to let blowing paper and inclement weather give your operation such a black eye.

Sincerely,

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